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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: WORKING GROUP VIII-
INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES ON CLIMATE

1. REQUEST AMCONSUL LENINGRAD PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM DR.
EPSTEIN, CO-CHAIRMAN, WORKING GROUP VIII, TO DR. YE P. BORISENKOV,
SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN, WORKING GROUP VIII. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS
COPY TO DR. KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET.

2. QUOTE DEAR DR. BORISENKOV: I SHOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT
THE AGENDA FOR OUR MEETING IN LENINGRAD, AUGUST 6 THROUGH 13,
INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS ON HOW WE CAN EXPAND OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS
ON INVESTIGATING THE EFFECTS OF STRATOSPHERIC POLLUTION ON
CLIMATE. AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS A GROWING CONCERN THAT FLOURO-
CARBONS RELEASED INTO THE ENVIRONMENT MAY CAUSE A SIGNIFICANT
REDUCTION IN STRATOPHERIC OZONE. I BELIEVE THAT WORKING GROUP
VIII SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER SUCH A REDUCTION CAN MATERIALLY
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AFFECT CLIMATE. I AM FORWARDING YOU, THROUGH THE AMERICAN
CONSULATE GENERAL IN LENINGRAD, A COPY OF A REPORT TITLED

"FLUOROCARBONS AND THE ENVIRONMENT" WHICH PRESENTS AN OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF THIS PROBLEM. THE REPORT ALSO PROPOSES CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESEARCH WHICH CAN SERVE AS A USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR OUR DISCUSSION.

WE HAVE MADE A GOOD START IN STUDING THE EFFECT OF POLLUTION OF THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE ON CLIMATE THROUGH THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF LENINGRAD AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING. THERE IS STILL BEFORE US THE PROPOSAL TO MEASURE STRATOSPHERIC CONSTITUENTS USING US AND USSR INSTRUMENTS ON BOARD THE TU-144 AND OTHER AIRCRAFT. IN ADDITION WE SHOULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE JOINT US-USSR WORKING GROUP ON SPACE METEOROLOGY UNDER THE US-USSR SPACE AGREEMENT CAN HELP MEET OUR NEEDS FOR STRATOSPHERIC MONITORING BY USING THE LATEST SATELLITE AND ROCKET SOUNDING TECHNIQUES.

THE U.S. DELEGATION IS STILL PLANNING TO ARRIVE LENINGRAD AUGUST 6, 1975 AT 1645 VIA SU 642. MR. SAMUEL CORINITI AND MRS. KATHRYN FOWLER WILL NOT BE IN THE DELEGATION AND THEREFORE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS REQUIRED ARE 1 SINGLE AND 2 DOUBLE ROOMS. WITH BEST REGARDS, EDWARD S. EPSTEIN. UNQUOTE.

REQUEST CONGEN DELIVER COPY OF REPORT BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY TO BORISENKOV. KISSINGER

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